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Subject: RE: Monroe Township Response to comments
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 9:32:38 AM
Attachments: [MTL Reintroduction Plan Review Matrix 2021 04.xlsx](#)

John,

We only had a couple of comment, let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Josh

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] FW: Monroe Township Response to comments

Hi Josh,

John Osolin is out today and NJDEP has just provided EPA with BFI's plan for reintroduction of leachate into the Monroe Township Sewer system (page 12 of the attachment). Wanted to get this to you as soon as possible, since I am aware that John has discussed with you the tight turnaround on the document.

Thank you,

Rich

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Subject: Fw: Monroe Township Response to comments

Hi Rich,

I know John is off on Fridays, so I am reaching out to you on a Friday again...

Attached is what BFI submitted last night, which is a compilation of all the work done since Sept., the reintroduction plan, and a summary. John said that he sent a lot this information to the Army Corps already since it had been submitted by BFI in the past but as individual documents.

I wasn't sure if you wanted to send this to the Army Corps today so they have it.

Also, Mark Pedersen asked me today whether the Corps has confirmed their timeframe for completing their review and once it is completed will EPA be willing to discuss the Corps' review and acceptance of the plan (provided they do accept it) at the next public meeting. We are trying to decide whether we need to have our contractor review documents or not - we

think having the Corps look at everything is a good way to go but need to make sure the timing works.

Thanks so much - we really appreciate all your help on this.

Gwen

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Monroe Township Response to comments

Good evening,

As requested, please find attached a compiled document incorporating the leachate reintroduction plan, associated comments and responses, additional investigation and analysis, and applicable revisions to both the leachate reintroduction plan and on-site controls improvements for the landfill. As noted in the cover letter, improvements on-site continue to progress and we are on schedule to be ready for leachate introduction as early as the week of April 26th. We look forward to a discussion with the residents to address the concerns with truck traffic and the path for safe reintroduction. Please let us know when a meeting can be held with the residents and administration.

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Subject: RE: Monroe Township Response to comments

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Thank you Gwen,

Confirming our earlier telecom, the Township would like to receive a formal "plan" that has assimilated all of the responses to comments that have been provided to date by BFI/Republic and has been endorsed by both the NJDEP and the EPA. This plan will then be distributed by the Township to the residents of Inwood Estates for their review in advance of the Public Meeting. After the meeting, BFI/Republic and the regulatory agencies will address all comments and/or concerns expressed by the residents and make any required revisions to the plan, including a schedule/timeline for:

1. Re-introduction of leachate into the sewer system
2. Cessation of pump and haul (i.e. trucking) operations.
3. Clearly detail the location and amount of onsite storage and associated controls to prevent future spills/tank overflows.

As stated in my email below, the Mayor and Council want the plan to clearly communicate to the residents how the proposed changes to day to day landfill operations will ensure that any of previously experienced odor events, spills and O&M process/equipment issues will not reoccur.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,

Joe

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Subject: Re: Monroe Township Response to comments

thank you for the response Joe.

I am currently waiting on MTUD to review the response to comments provided by BFI/Republic. Once MTUD agrees that those responses adequately address the comments provided, a revised plan can be submitted if that is what you are requesting. Typically, DEP has accepted a plan followed by a response to comments and not required a revised plan, but if MTUD wants a revised plan that can be provided.

When will you be finished reviewing the response to comments provided on Sunday by BFI/Republic?

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Thank you Gwen.

I reached out to the Administration regarding your suggestion for a meeting on 4/21. The response that I received reiterated the comments made by the Mayor during his site visit to the Landfill on 4/7.

Specifically these comments were that re-introduction of Leachate into the Township's sewer system would not take place until:

- BFI presents an operational plan to the residents of the Inwood Estates development. This plan needs to be compiled into a single document/report that is formally approved and endorsed by both the NJDEP and the EPA prior to the presentation to residents. This document should detail not only what BFI is proposing, but also how this proposal was formulated as *their* solution to address and mitigate the issues that have occurred since the initial odor events of August, 2020.
- The presentation will take place during a public zoom meeting moderated by the NJDEP.
- During this public meeting, BFI as the responsible party, needs to detail and certify that all of the fundamental prerequisite conditions necessary for leachate re-introduction have been fulfilled.
- Once leachate re-introduction has been initiated, BFI is to detail the critical roles, responsibilities and day to day monitoring/actions they will undertake to ensure that any future odor events, spills or other operation and maintenance (O&M) issues will not reoccur.
- Both the NJDEP and the EPA are to detail their respective oversight roles to ensure that the responsible party is meeting all of their regulatory landfill O&M obligations.

Once the NJDEP, EPA and BFI/Republic are prepared to formally present the above, then the Township will coordinate a collectively agreed upon meeting date with the residents.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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Hi Joe,

EPA has reviewed the response to comments document (for the EPA comments) that Jacob Schmidt submitted yesterday and find the responses acceptable. I've reviewed all responses to comments (EPA and MTUD comments - DEP comments were covered in both the EPA and MTUD comments) and I find the responses acceptable. I've attached the email from Jacob with the response to comments documents for reference.

I've also attached my email from earlier today with the offer to have a meeting to go over the responses to comments with you or to answer any questions you may have. I have availability Thursday and Friday for that meeting.

Also, I suggested having a public meeting on April 21 or 22; you stated April 22 was not available. Please let me know if April 21 is an option; if not, we may have push it back to the first week of May due to conflicts the last week of April.

Finally, I look forward to having the conversation regarding having more effective communication that we were unable to have last week due to your schedule. My goal is to make sure residents are getting thorough and timely responses to their concerns and to keep lines of communication open between Monroe Township, DEP, EPA and BFI/Republic. For example, Shannon received questions from a resident that Shannon shared with EPA, BFI/Republic, and me Saturday evening. I contacted Shannon this morning regarding who would be responding, and she forwarded me Alan Weinberg's response (attached) that he sent out Saturday evening but did not copy BFI, EPA or DEP. It would be helpful if we were copied so we can ensure all the residents' concerns are addressed. If you are not the person I should speak to about this, please let me know.

Thanks very much,

Gwen

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